

Parish Mission Statement

*We, the members of Blessed Trinity Parish,
share a common bond of love given to us
through the Mystery of the Blessed Trinity.*

*As the loving Father does, we welcome and support
everyone who enters our faith community.*

*As His Son exemplifies, we humbly strive
to be a learning, giving, caring, and teaching parish
eager to serve, evangelize,
and give generously of ourselves to others.*

*As the Holy Spirit inspires and leads us,
we are a faithful, prayer family that worships God
through the many gifts and ministries
with which the Lord has blessed us.*



*“The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,
because he has anointed me....”*



Blessed Trinity Catholic Church

*958 E. Tuscola St., Frankenmuth, Michigan
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Third Sunday in Ordinary Time ~ January 26 & 27, 2019



Welcome to
our SnowFest friends!
We hope you enjoy your visit
to Frankenmuth
and Blessed Trinity!

This Week in Our Parish

Monday, January 28

Memorial of St. Thomas Aquinas

Tuesday, January 29

9:30 a.m. Women's Bible Study
3:00 p.m. Grades 3 & 4 Faith Formation Classes

Wednesday, January 30

8:30 a.m. Mass
9:00 a.m. Rosary
11:00 a.m. Adult Study Group
3:00 p.m. Grades 5 & 6 Faith Formation Classes

Thursday, January 31

Memorial of St. John Bosco
3:00 p.m. Grades 1 & 2 Faith Formation Classes

Saturday, February 2

Feast of the Presentation of the Lord
4:00 p.m. Individual Reconciliation until 4:30 p.m.
5:00 p.m. Mass
"Soup-er Bowl" Collection after Mass

Sunday, February 3

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time
9:00 a.m. Mass
"Soup-er Bowl" Collection after Mass
11:00 a.m. Mass
11:00 a.m. Children's Liturgy of the Word;
FF3's, FF4s & Kindergarten Classes
"Soup-er Bowl" Collection after Mass



Scripture Readings for February 2 & 3, 2019

Jeremiah 1:4-5, 17-19

1 Corinthians 12:31 - 13:13 Luke 4:21-30

General Information

- ◆ If you would like to celebrate the **Sacrament of Reconciliation**, please call the parish office for more information.
- ◆ If you would like to have your **child baptized**, call the parish office for information. Baptisms are celebrated regularly, except during Lent.
- ◆ Adults who are interested in learning more about the **Catholic faith** are invited to call the parish office for more information.
- ◆ Are you planning a **wedding**? Please call the parish office before setting a wedding date. Six months are required for preparation.
- ◆ Would you or someone you know wish to celebrate the **Anointing of the Sick**? Please call the parish office to request an individual anointing.
- ◆ Please remember that when **entering a hospital**, you should register as a member of Blessed Trinity Parish. When **confined at home**, please contact our parish office.
- ◆ **New parishioners** are always welcome at Blessed Trinity. If you wish to join our community, please contact the parish office for an appointment to register.
- ◆ Text and pictures for the weekly **bulletin** is due by 12:00 noon on Mondays to: lsnyder@blessedtrinityfrankenmuth.org.

A blessing is not something that one person gives another. A blessing is a moment of meeting, a certain kind of relationship in which both people involved remember and acknowledge their true nature and worth, and strengthen what is whole in one another.

an altar flower arrangement
at the Mary Prayer Area
is sponsored by Lynn Davis
in memory of Ken Davis

Thoughts from our Pastoral Administrator

In our Gospel reading today, Jesus goes to the synagogue in Nazareth "according to custom." In preparation of his ministry, all prophets must first become immersed listening to God's word. Synagogues were places of worship, but also places of study. This is how we should prepare ourselves, as missionaries of Christ, as we bring food to the poor, shelter for the homeless, company to the lonely, and hope to the imprisoned.

If you haven't already, consider reading the biography of St. Teresa of Avila. Teresa lived in the 16th century in Spain and a contemporary of Martin Luther. She entered the Carmelite order, where she struggled to stay away from attachments to worldly desires. She eventually fell ill and her struggle continued. Later however, her prayer life improved and she found delight in it.

Eventually she sought to found a new convent founded on poverty and prayer. She was met with opposition, but eventually was able to found a new monastery named St. Joseph's. She was a prolific writer and promoted many reforms in the religious order of the time. Her writings focused on prayer and she was a founder of the Discalced Carmelites. A poem attributed to her, but not found in her writings is:

Christ Has No Body

*Christ has no body now but yours. No hands, no feet on earth but yours.
Yours are the eyes through which he looks compassion on this world.
Yours are the feet with which he walks to do good.
Yours are the hands with which He blesses all the world.
Yours are the hands. Yours are the eyes. You are His body.
Christ has no body now on earth but yours.*



John Michael Talbot has put this prayer into song and can be found on YouTube. It is a great meditation song to reflect upon the many ways we are called to serve others.

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For 10 years and 18 retreats, I was a Spiritual Director for Christ Renewals weekends. They are extremely valuable and well worth your time. After a few years of absence, they are now available again, now owned as a part of Matthew Kelly ministries. Below is the invitation from Chris Surbrook, a lay minister and current Spiritual Director I've mentored over the years. Please consider attending this event. We have applications here at the parish.

On behalf of the Men's Christ Renewals team at Blessed Sacrament parish, I am personally inviting you to join some men on March 9 & 10, 2019 for the "Christ Renewals" Weekend Retreat at the Blessed Sacrament Parish Center in Midland, MI. This weekend retreat has been helping men find peace and deepen their relationship with Christ for over 25 years. I know your life is busy - now more than ever - but this brief time spent on your spiritual growth will be invaluable for years to come.

- ⇒ Do you need to deepen your faith?
- ⇒ Do you need space for your inner journey?
- ⇒ Is your life out of balance?
- ⇒ Are you out of touch with the action of God in your life?
- ⇒ Are you seeking to enrich your understanding of what it means to be a Christian in today's world?
- ⇒ Do you see yourself as "church"? As a disciple of Jesus?
- ⇒ Do you need to listen anew to Jesus' call?



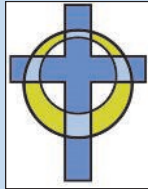
If you said "YES" to any of the above, then this weekend is for you. Listen and learn from other men that are working through the same challenges. Please think seriously about accepting this invitation and pray about it. Please note that this is not an overnight retreat. Participants will return to their homes for a good night's rest and rejoin us Sunday morning.

Deacon Larry Deford

Simply Catholic

It is important to note that not all Google searches are created equal, especially regarding matters of faith. Enter SimplyCatholic.com, a new initiative from Our Sunday Visitor that offers a repository of trustworthy and accessible information about the Faith.

The mission of Simply Catholic is simple: to help Catholics know and love the Lord and his Church so that they may be equipped to share their Catholic faith with others. In short, Simply Catholic is here to help you be a better disciple of Christ.



On SimplyCatholic.com, you'll find succinct yet complete answers to the basics of the Faith, curated and edited by an expert in theology. If you can't find what you're looking for on the home page, you can browse by category or use the site's search feature. Still can't find your answer? Just email simplycatholic@osv.com, and they'll get back to you.

So, if you have pledged this New Year to get a little bit better about learning and sharing the Faith, Simply Catholic is there for you.

Youth Ministry News

Tonight/Sunday our youth will meet at BT at 6:30 p.m. and end at the Harvest Coffee Shop at 8:00 p.m. Parents are reminded to pick up their child at the Harvest. Our gathering topic will be 'Social Media.' See you tonight!

Last Sunday, our youth braved the frigid temps and gathered at BT to discuss 'Popular at What Risk?' Proverbs 13:20 states: "Whoever walks with the wise becomes wise, but the companion of fools will suffer harm." Our youth also brought homework to work on in preparation for exams. It was a wonderful night of "community." Thanks to Ian Sutherland for offering the closing prayer.

We'll host the annual 'Soup-er Bowl' Collection after all Masses next weekend. I hope that some of our younger youth will volunteer to help collect after Mass (if you do, please wear your favorite team t-shirt or sweatshirt!). All youth should visit the youth room after Mass to grab a Patriots or Rams cookie and take the opportunity to predict the winner and score of Super Bowl LIII. This fundraiser benefits the Saginaw Rescue Mission and the need is great.....will you donate a dollar?

There are a few changes to our winter & spring schedule. Monthly postcards will be sent with all details, so watch your mail! I will also post updates to the BTC-Youth Facebook page.

Pictures, pictures, where are the pictures? All 2019 graduates are asked to send me these pictures ASAP: baby, family, First Eucharist, and graduation.

College-age youth and parents - please contact me with your address so that the Faith Formation Commission can send you a care package!

Austin Sawicki is reading the bulletin. Is **Ella Smith**? If so, contact me for your gift card.

Are we passionate for our Catholic faith? Are we doing whatever we can to make sure that we are? We are BT and WE make BT what it is. Are you?

Kathy Cramer ~ Director of Youth Ministry
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Prayer for Christian Unity

Loving God,
Jesus came to bring us
your loving, healing forgiveness and love.

May we trust in Jesus
to ask for forgiveness from You.

May we have the courage
to seek what needs healing
in us, around us, and in our world.

As we begin
the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity,
send us the Spirit of Jesus
to let go of pride among Christians.
May our divided nation see in Christians
a sign of hope and inspire transformation.

We ask this through Christ,
brother to us all now and forever.

Amen.

We Are Stewards

On-line Giving ~ January 13-19, 2019

Parish Adult Contributions.....	\$3,800.00
Parish Debt Retirement.....	160.00
Total.....	\$3,960.00

Weekend ~ January 19 & 20, 2019

Parish Adult Contributions (141 envelopes)	\$6,129.00
Children's Contributions (3 envelopes)	1.88
Weekend Loose	450.00
Parish Debt Retirement (2 envelopes)	60.00
Weekend Total	\$6,640.88

Children's Stewardship Messages: Jack's talent ~ helping dad; Caroline's time ~ making gift cards.

Need Prayers?

Call the Parish Prayer Network with your prayer needs and concerns: Ginger Hall at 652-9519 or Nanci Lyon at 652-6532. You can also submit prayer requests on our parish website.

When you visit Blessed Trinity during the week or when you come to weekend Mass, be sure to write your prayer intentions in the Book of Life in the back of church.



Faith Formation News

This week I'd like to share something that I read in Matthew Kelly's book, **The Biggest Lie in the History of Christianity** - the book offered to all BT parishioners at Christmas (and still available).

Kelly includes an email that was forwarded to him by a high school principal who sent it to his students' parents. The principal refers to a Latin phrase, *esse quam videri*, which translates into "to be rather than to seem to be."

He is concerned about the amount of time students spend on social media, but his main point is that we can all be tempted to present a false image on social media. Young children are susceptible to peer pressure, too. Although this email was directed to high school students, it is a good reminder to limit social media time for children of all ages.

The entire email is on pages 17 & 18 in Kelly's book. If don't have a copy, please pick one up from the gathering area at church.

*Pam Daily ~ Coordinator of Faith Formation
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Sponsor Sanctuary Lamp

Parishioners are invited to make an offering for the candles used in the sanctuary lamp (the lamp that burns 24/7 before the tabernacle) which reminds us of the presence of the Risen Lord in the Blessed Sacrament that is reserved in the tabernacle.

The light comes from a large candle placed in a red glass container and burns for seven days. The candle is generally replaced on Friday or Saturday each week throughout the year.

If you would like to make an offering of \$50.00 for these candles in honor or in memory of a family member, friend, neighbor, etc. please call the parish office to find out which weeks are available.

Our sponsor of the week is:

Frankenmuth Family Dental Associates P.C.

*To view this ad, see the back of the bulletin.
Please patronize our sponsors. They make the bulletin possible.*

Half an hour's meditation each day is essential, except when you are busy. Then a full hour is needed.

(Saint Francis de Sales)

Cleaning Out Your Closets?



The Clothesline Store in Frankenmuth is in desperate need of winter clothing for adults AND children: school clothes, coats, boots, and gloves. If you have these gently-loved and clean items, please drop them off at the Clothesline Store.

As always, Clothesline Store volunteers are grateful for your donations. If you would like more information about this ministry, please contact the parish office at 652-3259.

Donate Household Items

Thanks to all who bring in clothing and household donations for Emmaus House. All items are picked up on Monday mornings by a parish volunteer who delivers them to Saginaw.

We ask that you only bring in two bags or boxes of donations at a time per week. We cannot handle a load of garage sale "leftovers." If you have more than this or larger items, please call Emmaus House for pick up at: 755-7538.

Food Donations

Please consider purchasing extra grocery items for local food pantries, which service families in our area. All items are needed including paper supplies, cleaning supplies, food items, and personal care items.

Please do not bring in perishable food items or items past their expiration date. Drop off your donations at BT during the week or when you come to weekend Mass.

Let your hope make you glad.
Be patient in time of trouble
and never stop praying.

Romans 12:12

Stewardship Prayer

My parish is composed of people like me.
I help make it what it is.
It will be friendly, if I am friendly.

It will be holy, if I am holy.
It's pews will be filled, if I help fill them.
It will do great work, if I work.

It will be prayerful, if I pray.
It will make generous gifts to many causes
if I am a generous giver.

It will bring others into worship,
if I invite and bring them.

It will be a parish of loyalty and love,
of fearlessness and faith, of compassion,
charity, and mercy, if I, who make it what it is,
am filled with these same things.

Therefore, with the help of God,
I now dedicate myself to the task
of being all things that I want my parish to be.
Amen.

(adapted from Diocese of San Diego)




24th Annual
FISH FRIES
FRANKENMUTH/BIRCH RUN
Knights of Columbus
(1mile North of Birch Run Road)

Shrimp Dinners
All-you-Can-Eat Cod Dinners

TAKE OUT OR EAT IN 11:00 A.M. TO 7:00 P.M.

• October 5, 2018 Blood Drive 12:30 to 6:00 p.m. Free Dinner to Donors	• January 4, 2019 Blood Drive 12:30 to 6:00 p.m. Free Dinner to Donors	• March 15, 2019 Blood Drive 12:30 to 6:00 p.m. Free Dinner to Donors	• April 5, 2019
• November 2, 2018 In Honor of Veterans Day Active Military & Veterans Eat Free	• February 1, 2019	• March 22, 2019	• April 12, 2019
• December 7, 2018 SANTA VISITS 4:00—7:00	• March 8, 2019	• March 29, 2019	• April 19, 2019

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Love for Lukulu Benefit

St. Agnes Parish in Freeland will host a Wines & Steins event on Saturday, February 9 at 7:00 p.m. Beer and wine samples, appetizers, silent auction, wine pull, balloon pop, games, and live music will take place. Proceeds will benefit Love for Lukulu Mother's Milk and the St. Agnes Food Pantry. Tickets are \$20.00 in advance by calling the parish office at 695-5652. All are welcome!

*Retreat for Mid-life Singles*

Are you looking for a renewed sense of purpose and belonging? Register today for a life-changing REFLECT weekend retreat at the St. Francis Retreat Center in DeWitt, MI on March 22-24. Cost is \$185.00 for meals and single room. Call 586-770-172, email reflect.michigan@gmail.com or visit www.ReflectRetreat.com for details.

Coming Events at the Center for Ministry

- ◆ "Go Deeper With God" Women's Silent Retreat will be held on Friday, February 1 - Sunday, February 3.
- ◆ Diocesan Pilgrimage to Mexico City with Fr. Christian Tabaras will take place on Saturday, February 23 - Thursday, February 28.
- ◆ Women's Day of Recollection: The Martha-Mary Balance of Daily Life will be held on Saturday, February 23 from 9:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Call the Diocesan Center for Ministry at 797-6607 for more information about any of these events. All are welcome!

Worldwide Marriage Encounter

Marriage Encounter weekends will be held on March 15-17 at St. Francis Retreat Center-DeWitt. Apply online at: wwme.org.

The five types of people you should surround yourself with:
 the inspired, the passionate, the motivated,
 the grateful, and the open minded.